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152nd Airlift Wing Receives Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

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It's one of the most significant symbols of teamwork by Air Force standards and an award a unit could never receive without the hard work of everyone else around.

The 152nd Airlift Wing is now a walking example of how that universal team effort has earned the coveted Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

It's not an easy award to win, but the 152nd almost made it look that way by doing what it does best—performing missions domestically and globally with unmatched professionalism and technical skill.

According to a memo released by The Adjutant General, Brig. Gen William Burks, regarding the award, which covered the period of Sept. 2009 to Sept. 2011, the 152nd spotlighted hundreds of unit members who responded to extremely demanding mission requirements and an operations tempo unprecedented in its history.

"In this two-year period, the men and women of the High Rollers have directly contributed to the national security

requirements of our country, weathering the high demands and hardships which they have voluntarily placed upon themselves and their families with constant activations and numerous deployments," he stated in the memo.

Approximately 75% of the unit's 873 members mobilized during this period in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, New Dawn, Deep Freeze and Coronet Oak. Several unit members

for most of the grades. The wing's "Excellent" score achieved during last summer's Unit Compliance Inspection was especially rare—even for active duty units.

Other notable incidents taken into consideration included; a situation where aircrew members apprehended an Afghan translator who turned Taliban while on their aircraft; nine members of the Nevada Air Guard who volunteered for a year-long ground mission with the Agribusiness Development Team; community support for the deadly Reno Air Race Association crash and destructive wildfires were also highlighted. The list went on.

There's no doubt this has been a historical period for 152nd and although some missions are changing, the unit shows no signs of slowing down.

"The men and women of the (152nd) continue to excel in every area," Burks said. "Their passion to be the best unit, taking on any challenge, exemplifies the core values of the Air Force. Their enthusiasm and dedication to constantly improve and be the very best is contagious."

performed multiple rotations overseas supporting airlift, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance gathering, aerial port operations, civil engineering and security forces functions.

What really made headlines for the 152nd, though, was the outcome of the five major compliance inspections where the unit achieved "Excellent" or "Outstanding"

Clergy Day Takes Off



Members of the local clergy were treated to a community outreach event that surely lifted their spirits during the Clergy Day AirLift recently. The event was a way for the Nevada Air National Guard to show its appreciation for all the support they receive from local clergy members throughout the year (photo by Capt. Jason Yuhasz).

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Commander's Corner

**Col. Michael Williams,
Commander, 152nd Airlift Wing**

What is a Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI)? The ORI is an Air force Inspection designed to test our capability to deploy and set up an operational wing.

The best way to get an 'outstanding' is to know your job, comply with appropriate AFI guidance, and adapt to whatever challenges the inspectors throw at us. With any inspection, attention to detail and a positive attitude will get us the outstanding grade I know you are all capable of getting.

We will be practicing the first phase of the ORI during April Drill. It all begins when the wing is tasked by higher headquarters. Our Plans shop will decipher the tasking and each unit will assign personnel

and Cargo to meet the tasking. I just described in very simple terms what is going on and during drill we will work through our processes to pack the wing up and deploy.

The Personnel Deployment Function (PDF) and the Cargo Deployment Function (CDF) will be our main focus this weekend. The PDF is responsible for ensuring all of our Airman are eligible to deploy by verifying medical, personal, and professional information which is typically all in your mobility folder. The CDF is responsible for ensuring that all our cargo is packed up properly and the paperwork is correct.

The challenge of the Plans shop is writing a schedule of events that ties air flow, load plans, PDF, and CDF all together to get us out of town efficiently.

What I need from all of you this weekend is to work through our Plan and Identify areas we need to improve. The in-



put you provide in the After Action Report (AAR) will help us adjust the plan prior to our deployment in May. I look forward to seeing what you come up with. Have a safe and productive drill weekend.

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April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Nationally, Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) occurs in April and commits to raising awareness and promoting the prevention of sexual violence through use of special events and public education. SAAM provides commands/installations an annual opportunity to highlight Department of Defense (DoD) and Service policies addressing sexual assault prevention and response. DoD policies address sexual assault prevention and seek to establish a climate of confidence in which:

Education and training create an environment in which sexual assault and the attitudes that promote it are not tolerated;

Victims of sexual assault receive the care and support that they need; and,

Offenders are held accountable for their actions.

Everyone has a role in stopping sexual assault and localizing SAAM activities is a great way to extend this message. To assist local efforts, SAPRO has provided each command and installation with event materials, many of which are customizable. Please contact the Nevada National Guard Sexual Assault Coordinator at 775-297-7820 for more information.

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Chaplain's Word

By Lt. Col. Tim Gregory,
Chaplain, Nevada Air National Guard

I heard this story by Pastor Steve Bond while attending a service at Summit Christian Church in Sparks. It reminded me of the love and grace of God.

A few years ago Rev. Tony Campolo flew to Hawaii to speak at a conference. Unfortunately on the first night, his internal clock wakes him at 3:00 a.m. The night is dark, the streets are silent, the world is asleep, but Tony is wide awake and his stomach is growling. He ventures out to find some breakfast only to find a grungy dive in an alley. He's torn but hungry so he takes the plunge and orders a donut and a cup of coffee from a fat guy, Harry, behind the counter.

At 3:30, in walk a group of provocative, loud prostitutes just finished with their night's work. They plop down at the counter and Tony finds himself uncomfortably surrounded by this group of smoking, swearing hookers. He gulps his coffee, planning to make his escape. Then the woman next to him says to her friend, "You know what? Tomorrow's my birthday. I'm gonna be 39." To which her friend nastily replies, "So what d'ya want from me? A birthday party?"

The first woman says, "Aw, come on, why do you have to be so mean? I don't want anything from you. Why should I have a birthday party? I've never had a birthday party in my whole life."

Well, when Tony heard that, he made a decision. He sat and waited until the women left, and then he asked Harry at the counter, "Do you think we could maybe throw a little birthday party for her right here in the diner?"

A cute kind of smile crept over Harry's chubby cheeks. "That's great," he says, "I like it." He turns to the kitchen and shouts to his wife, "Hey, this guy's got a great idea. Tomorrow is Agnes' birthday and he wants to throw a party for her right here." So they make their plans.

At 2:30 the next morning, Tony is back. He's got decorations and a sign that says, "Happy Birthday, Agnes!" They decorate the place from one end to the other. Harry had gotten the word out and by 3:15, it seemed that every prostitute in Honolulu was at there.

At 3:30, the door swings open and in walks Agnes and her friend. The group all shout and scream "Happy Birthday, Agnes!" Agnes is absolutely flabbergasted. She's

stunned, her mouth falls open, her knees started to buckle, and she almost falls over. When the birthday cake with all the candles is carried out, that's when she totally loses it. Now she's sobbing and crying. Harry, who's not used to seeing a prostitute cry, gruffly mumbles, "Blow out the candles, Agnes. Cut the cake."

But Agnes looks down at the cake and, without taking her eyes off it, slowly and softly says, "Look, Harry, is it all right with you if... is it OK if I keep the cake a little while? Is it all right if we don't eat it right away?" Harry doesn't know what to say so he shrugs and says, "Sure, if that's what you want to do. Keep the cake. Take it home if you want."

"Oh, could I?" she asks. Looking at Tony she says, "I live just down the street a couple of doors. She gets off her stool, picks up the cake, and carries it high in front of her like it was the Holy Grail. Everybody watches in stunned silence and when the door closes behind her, nobody seems to know what to do. They look at each other. They look at Tony.

So Tony gets up on a chair and says, "What do you say that we pray together?" And there they are in a hole-in-the-wall greasy spoon, half the prostitutes in Honolulu, at 3:30 a.m. listening to Tony Campolo as he prays for Agnes, for her life, her health, and her relationship with God. Tony recalls, "I prayed that her life would be changed, and that God would be good to her."

When he's finished, Harry leans over, and with a trace of hostility in his voice, he says, "Hey, you never told me you was a preacher. What kind of church do you belong to anyway?" In one of those moments when just the right words came, Tony answers him quietly, "I belong to a church



that throws birthday parties for prostitutes at 3:30 in the morning."

Harry thinks for a moment, and in a mocking way says, "No you don't. There ain't no church like that. If there was, I'd join it. Yep, I'd join a church like that."

The Easter and Passover season remind us that God's love and grace are so enormous that He loves all people, even with all their faults and shortcomings. My prayer for you is that you will experience that love and grace personally each day.

"You see, just at the right time, when we were powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. . . But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we sinners, Christ died for us." Rom 5:6, 8

Prayer Breakfast
Featuring Ch. Les Hyder, Chief
of Chaplains, ANG Chaplain
Corps, May 2
Time: TBD



Unit Forums, News and Notes

Recruiting and Retention Information Station

Chapter 1607 (REAP) Top up Program is in effect. If you are currently utilizing REAP, you can pay up to \$600 to earn \$1800. In essence what this means; you can pay \$50 a month for a year and at the end of your payment cycle you will earn an additional \$150 a month for however many months you have left while attending school. You can essentially triple your cash while attending school full time! This program might not be for you so please contact the Retention office for more info!

All forms for State Tuition and any type of reimbursement are now downloadable from the Share Point, No forms will be available outside the Retention Office. This is in an attempt to decrease the lines outside the Retention Office. You can find the information located:

<http://131.60.64.30/HQNVANG/Ret/default.aspx>

Your Nevada Air Guard Retention Office is fast forwarding into today with its very own Facebook page! The idea is to help our exposure to you! You will find updates on Montgomery GI Bill (including transferability of Post-9-11 GI Bill benefits), what career fields have bonus for that quarter etc. Feel free to share what you would like to see and as always if you have any questions, feel free to let us know!

<https://www.facebook.com/NevadaAirGuardRetentionOffice>

Keep on rocking HighRollers!

Recruiting would like to welcome its newest members to the "High Roller" Team.

Matthew Whitlow, Yanick Hickman, Paul Longworth, Brett Gilmore, William Montanaro, Bryce Shattie, Hank Burns, Bobby Saucedo, Jami Harris, Danielle Del Porto, Jarred Mitrea, Michael MacNeil, and Kayla Sant.

JrROTC Cadet Olympics

Recruiting has a busy month in April and we're always looking for enthusiastic unit members to volunteer for events planned throughout our community. Here are just a few:

- JrROTC Cadet Olympics 21 April
- Skills USA 25-27 April
- Virginia City Grand Prix 28-29 April

If you'd like to volunteer, contact your favorite Recruiter for more information.

Tech Sgt. Glynn / 788-4546

Tech Sgt. Hampton / 788-4545

Tech Sgt. Miller / 788-4547

Tech Sgt. Muniz / 788-4544

As always, thanks you for your continued support and quality referrals!

April UTA Menu

Saturday

Terayaki Chicken
Beef and Brocoli
Baked Beans
Rice
Steamed Carrots
Asst. Desserts

SHORT ORDER

Tuna Melts
Hamburger
Cheeseburger
Chicken Wraps
Chili
Nachos
French Fries
Onion Rings

Sunday

Beef Stroganoff
Savory Baked Chicken
Noodles
Mashed Potatoes W/Gravy
Stew Vegetables
Peas
Asst. Desserts

SHORT ORDER

Tuna Melts
Hamburger
Cheeseburger
Chicken Wraps
Chili
Nachos
French Fries
Onion Rings

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May Lodging Note

Lodging for May UTA will be provided at contract hotel from Friday 05/04 to Sunday 05/06. Any members that are outside the commuting distance and will be traveling to Alpena on Monday the 7th of May will need to make their own reservations for Sunday night. These charges will be reimbursed on the travel voucher filled out at the end of the TDY. For questions please contact the billeting office at 152aw.lodging@ang.af.mil, thank you

Unit Forums, News and Notes, Cont.

Equal Opportunity Notes for a Good Working Environment

What makes a good working environment? People are more productive when they enjoy coming to work and when they feel that they are a viable part of the Air National Guard team. The 152nd AW Equal Opportunity is staffed by Maj. Deese, 1st Lt. Miller, and Tech Sgt. Coney. Their goal is to enforce and manage the commander's commitment to an environment free from unlawful discrimination (discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, and gender) and sexual harassment. They are there to ensure there is that aspect of a good working environment.

Air Force leaders take equal opportunity very seriously. They want to have a diverse workforce free from unlawful discrimination and harassment. By pro-

moting the following: respect for each other, awareness of issues, diversity and the strengths that come from our differences, and endorse our shared values and goals as an Air Force, we improve mission effectiveness.

The Wing's EO team works to communicate and maintain a presence with the base populace. You will see members of the EO office in your work sections doing "Out and Abouts". The "Out and About Program" is an EO tool for evaluating how people are getting along in the work force. They visit and talk to Airmen to get a grasp on the conditions of human relations within the Unit concerning topics such as the physical work environment, accessibility to the chain of command, the merit program,

and social environment.

This program coupled with the Unit Climate Assessments (UCAs) helps ensure commanders are aware of issues in their units and provide them a way to address those issues. However, the process is a two-way street, and Airmen are encouraged to be honest. If your unit commander doesn't know about a problem, how can he or she address it? Remember, all responses are kept confidential.

You will also see members of the EO office once every two years for Human Relations Education and POSH training. It is also EO's job to engage those who create barriers for other people. When an unfair discrimination or harassment complaint is filed with EO, a fact-finding inquiry is initiated to gather all of the facts surrounding the accusation. Once the investigation has been completed, the information is analyzed and the findings are provided to the appropriate commander for possible action. The 152nd AW Equal Opportunity Office is located in building 56 room 9. Their office number is 788-5405.

Finance Forum

BAH Re-certifications

It is time once again to recertify your BAH. If your social security number ends in a 4, you are due to recertify in April. Please stop by the Finance Office to accomplish this. Re-certifying only takes a few minutes and non-compliance may result in loss of pay.

GOOD-BYE CSA!!

No, you're not dreaming! The Air Force has decided to no longer carry the CSA (Controlled Spend Account). The Air Force is currently in the process of transferring all CSAs back to the GTC (Government Travel Card). What does this mean for you and your members?

All new applications will be through the GTC Citi Bank application. These will go back to being processed through your squadron APC's (Area Program Coordinator). This also means that there will be a credit check on your credit in order to be approved for the GTC. All new members to the unit, that are non-prior service, will not be allowed to have the GTC until after basic training and their initial technical school.

Already have a CSA? No worries! This card will be transferred over to a GTC. You should see no change other than not needing to call for temporary spend limits once your card has been switched over! The flip over from CSA to GTC should occur between August and September.

Are you unable to get a GTC due to credit issues? No Problem! Just verify that your profile in DTS is set to say that you do not have a GTC and that you are authorized an advance. Once your profile is set up correctly, you will be able to request an advance through DTS. School or PCS order? Just come see the Finance Office and we will get the advance going for you!

DTS

When filing your DTS voucher, do not forget to upload a signed copy of your AROWS ST or AT orders. Also, please be sure to upload a copy of your airline itinerary that was emailed to you from SATO. Even though the airfare was booked in DTS, it does not mean that a receipt is not needed. These are the two main reasons for returned vouchers in DTS.

Need to Create a CBA routing list in DTS?

Follow the link to the SharePoint for step-by-step, screen shot directions!

<http://131.60.64.30/AW/Finance/Defense%20Travel%20System/ADDING%20A%20CBA%20ROUTING%20LIST%20TO%20A%20TRAVEL%20%20AUTHORIZATION.pdf>

TAX SEASON IS UPON US!

Locked out of MyPay and need your W-2?

Visit your local Finance Office to have your PIN reset OR you can use your CAC card to sign in! That's right! MyPay is now CAC enabled. CAC login works even when its been over thirty days since you last signed into MyPay or you've locked your account by entering the incorrect password too many times!

American Lung Association "Fight For Air Climb"

On April 15, 2012, the American Lung Association in northern Nevada will host the 4th annual "Fight for Air Climb". This 36-story stair climb will welcome hundreds of participants to take on the Silver Legacy Resort. The Fight for Air Climb truly offers a unique event with which you can participate and compete with other "first responders" in our community. The funds raised from this event helps support local programs for children and adults in northern Nevada.

Teams are a vital component of the stair climb and the American Lung Association staff works closely with corporate teams to ensure a fun and rewarding experience for all who are involved. In past years, more than 50% of participants have been from corporate teams within the northern Nevada community.

Participate in the 2012 Fight for Air Climb by representing the Air National Guard, or start your own personal team. Visit www.climbreno.org to register. You can also call the American Lung Association in Nevada's office at: 829-5864.

Unit Forums, News and Notes, Cont.

Military Kids Can Apply for Free Summer Camps

WASHINGTON – With the temperature rising and the school year drawing to a close, parents across the nation are starting to think about summertime plans. With three young children and a stretch of lazy summer days ahead, it's definitely a hot topic in my household.

Military families can get a head start on their planning today by applying for the National Military Family Association's Operation Purple Summer Camp program. The nonprofit organization launched this free program nine years ago to support military children, ages 7 to 17, dealing with the stress of war.

The weeklong camps are open to military children of all ranks and services, both active and reserve. Officials will give priority to children who meet the association's deployment criteria and have never attended an Operation Purple camp. Families should submit their application by midnight EDT on April 19.

This summer, officials said, 1,400 children will attend an Operation Purple camp at one of 16 locations in 14 states: Alaska, California, Connecticut, Florida, Hawaii, Indiana, North Carolina, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Washington and West Virginia.

For more information or to submit an online application, parents can visit the NMFA website.

Clothing Drive

This year we have joined together with United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) and designated Apr 3 – Apr 30 to do a clothing drive to benefit children and adults with disabilities who live right here in our community!

Here's how you can help. Bring all the men, women's and children's clothing that you no longer need or wear to our office and donate them for a great cause! Please bring all clothing donations in plastic bags and drop them off in the UCP donation barrels.

All clothing donations will go to United Cerebral Palsy, a nonprofit who provides exceptional disability services for children and adults. 91% of everything that is donated to United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) goes to provide important services for people with disabilities in our community. www.ucpnv.org

American Cancer Society

We are raising money for the American Cancer Society through participating in the Relay for Life on Friday, April 20 at 6PM at the UNR track.

This is a 24 hour walking relay, where someone from our team has to be on the track at all times.

We would appreciate any donations: cash, check, or sign on to www.relayforlife.org and go to our team page.

For limited time our team has UNR cancer shirts in sizes S-3X for \$10 each. They will be sold in SANGA AND FSS.

We are also selling luminaria bags which you can buy for \$10 in honor or dedication of someone.

Contact Capt Jen Kimsey or SMSgt Jesse Kimsey if you have questions or are interested in joining the team.

HELP SUPPORT TEAM
LYMPHOMANIACS!

Retirement for Chief Master Sgt. Nereo "CJ" Cortez Pecson

Saturday, 28th of April

Siena Hotel Spa Casino

No-host cocktails at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$28 per person

R.S.V.P. by April 24

POCs:

Chief Master Sgt. Mark Prizina
(775) 788-4680

Chief Master Sgt. Rick Scurry
(775) 788-4579

Civilian: Nevada Casual

Hotel rooms (\$79) available

Mention "Pecson Retirement Party" when making your reservation at (877) 743-6233

**April UTA
Blood Drive**
SUNDAY, APRIL 15TH
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
DONATE IN THE
BLOODMOBILE
PARKED
BETWEEN THE GYM
AND SANGA

National Guard News

Virtual wingman app makes smart choices easy for Airmen

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO -- RANDOLPH, Texas -- Air Education and Training Command unveiled a new mobile phone application that is designed to provide resiliency and safety information to Airmen. The app was shown at the Air Force Community Action Information Board meeting March 29.

Among the highlights of the app are features such as a local taxi finder and information on high-risk activities, according to Mr. Robbie Bogard, AETC ground safety manager.

"For people who live in the continental United States, the app will allow people to use GPS tracking to determine where you are and show phone numbers for local taxis," he said. This makes it easier for people to make a smart decision when they find themselves without a designated driver in a strange place.

Other features include Airman-to-Airman videos, information on risk management, hazard reporting, motorcycle safety, crisis/distress support, sexual assault prevention/response, and more.

"The app is not meant to be a primary resiliency tool or replace face-to-face interaction with other Airmen," Bogard said. "But, it does supplement this interaction when another Airman isn't available. Our goal in developing the 'Virtual Wingman' was to provide information to all our Airmen through a readily available tool most Airmen have - a mobile phone.

"We hope that we provide all Airmen access to the wide variety of great safety and resiliency information available from various Air Force sources," he said. "Often, this information is difficult to find, so we sought out pertinent information and consolidated it in one place for our Airmen. We are hop-

ing this will prove to be a valuable tool for everyone."

"While Air Education and Training Command is having a very good year as far as safety is concerned, we want to continue to innovate in how we reach our Airmen so we can drive our mishap rates down to historical lows," said Air Force Master Sgt. Kyle Baum, AETC Ground Safety Division.

"Our Airmen will now have a series of tools they can access when they have concerns with risk management and safety. And we didn't limit it just to safety-related topics; we also included information on both suicide prevention and sexual assault prevention, areas of concern across our Air Force," he said.

The application, which is not platform specific, will work on any mobile device with access to the internet, although some functionality may be lost on older devices, according to Carol Wall, the Air Force Virtual Wingman project manager.

"Any mobile user who has a mobile device capable of web browsing, can download the application for free and the app will work on a personal computer as well," Wall said.

Senior AF Leaders Continue Budget Discussions

Senior leaders from Air Force Reserve Command assembled in National Harbor, Md., March 26-27 during the 2012 Senior Leader Conference to discuss the future of the command.

The theme of this year's conference was "Full Operational Capability: Full Spectrum Combat Capability with Unparalleled Efficiency" and how the Air Force Reserve fits into the big picture of the total force.

"Our reserve components are solid," said Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner Jr., the chief of Air Force Reserve and commander of AFRC. "We are the most efficient we can be, and we execute the mission with a force that is ready."

Topics discussed at the two-day conference included manpower, readiness, modernization and budgetary constraints.

"Even as budgets decline, we must still provide the essential force structure and capabilities on which the Joint Force depends," said Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley in remarks to conference attendees.

"We must be ready to respond to a challenging and dynamic security environment."

Donley said Air Force leaders have made hard choices during the current budget cycle to closely align the Air Force's

fiscal 2013 budget proposal with the new defense strategic guidance and comply with the requirements of the Budget Control Act. The act calls for a defense budget reduction of \$487 billion through the next 10 years.

Among these difficult decisions are proposed force structure changes, which call for the reduction of 286 aircraft through the Future Years Defense Plan. The reductions include 123 fighter jets, 133 mobility aircraft and 30 intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance platforms, the secretary said.

"Fighter, mobility and other force structure changes have been strategy-driven based on changed requirements," he said. "We've carefully balanced our active and reserve component changes to make sure that we can meet the demanding operational tempos -- including both surge and rotational requirements -- that are part of the current and projected strategic environment."

Even though changes are being made, the total force mission remains the same, Stenner said.

"This is a difficult time for all of us, and we are working together to do our job to defend this nation," said Stenner. "If we remember that, we will get the answer."

During the conference, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz spoke about the total force structure and how ensuring an appropriately sized force will contribute to the overall mission of the Air Force.

"Force structure, which is mismatched with our strategy, can result in units and a total force that are ill-suited for assigned missions," Schwartz said.

With this in mind, Air Force leaders took on the difficult task of balancing active and reserve components appropriately as part of the new service budget proposal, he said.

"But there still is no doubt, none whatsoever, that the investments in the reserve components were, and remain, smart and essential investments in overall readiness, capability, and surge and rotational requirements," Schwartz said.

Acknowledging that an evolving force will bring challenges, Stenner said he is confident in the important role the Air Force Reserve will play in the future.

"Where you see challenges, there are opportunities," Stenner said. "If we open the aperture to opportunity and embrace the fluid changes, we will have a strong future in the mission of a global and total force."

Herk Bowl 2012

OPS Cruises to 30-8 Victory over Maintenance

Story by Master Sgt. Shawn Plunket

Photos by Master Sgt. Tony Midmore

The weather didn't look good on the morning of St. Patty's Day. "Herk Bowl" creators Senior Master Sgt. Paul Bright (MXS) and Master Sgt. Shawn Plunket (OPS) gazed at the snow covered football field at McQueen High School and wondered what to do. However, they had already made up their minds.

"Without a doubt, we're playing this game," Bright said.

And play they did.

The 152 AW Commander, Col. Michael Williams, kicked off the festivities by conducting the honorary coin toss. "Tails!" was the call by OPS Linebacker Capt. Chuck Steffens. "Tails it is," Williams confirmed. "Let's be safe and have a great game!"

Over 200 people braved the cold and came out to watch Operations (OPS) and Maintenance (MXS) Departments compete for bragging rights of the "Herk Bowl" and the chance to take home the winner's trophy.

For those of you who are not familiar with this event, the "Herk Bowl" is an annual football game played between the 152 OG and the 152 MXS. The intent of the game is to build the camaraderie between the two groups.

Plunket stated that the relationship between OPS and MXS needs to remain solid in order for the High Rollers to successfully fulfill the mission.

"Our vision is that it will spread beyond the walls of our two groups and become a base-wide event," Plunket said. "Playing this game helps to ensure our wing's success."

The game has definitely evolved over the past few years. Not only did it bring our High Rollers together to play in a great game, but the event accumulated over \$500 for fellow family members afflicted with cancer. Capt. Jenelle Kimsey, Master Sgt. Tracy Woodfolk, and Tech Sgt. Elliott Morris were on sight to organize the raffle and fundraising efforts.

"Many thanks to those who donated to the cause and participated in this event," Plunket said. "By working together, we can accomplish great things."

The event helped to highlight our physical fitness responsibilities as well. As many fans watching the game alluded to, this experience obviously helped many to strive toward improved personnel



fitness standards. Both teams held practices throughout the year in order to prepare for this game, and, without a doubt, it assisted members in improving their health.

At the end of the day, it was OPS who took home the winner's trophy with a 30-8 win. The Adjutant General of the Nevada National Guard, Gen. Bill Burkes was on hand to award the title. Also present was the 152 Maintenance Commander, Col. Bart O'Toole, and the 192 Airlift Squadron Commander, Lt. Col. Caesar Garduno, to award squadron MVP coins to each team. Garduno commented, "At the end of the day, we're 'One Team' with 'One Fight' in mind. Overall, I saw two teams sharpened their swords for the greater cause of winning in our State and Federal missions, as High Rollers."

"Win or lose, the camaraderie formed is priceless," stated MXS Coach Paul Bright.

Special thanks to Master Sgt. Tony Midmore. Because of Tony's efforts, over 1100 pictures are available for viewing on the network.

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Fantastic job by everyone involved, and looking forward to seeing you all next year!